**Price Index of Drugs**

589. SHRI MIRZA IRSHADBAIG: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to the answer to the Unstarred Question 265 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th March, 1985 and state:

(a) whether it is fact that three out of twelve drugs which constitute the basket on which the price index is based, are obsolete and another three drugs are of peripheral importance;

(b) if so, how far these drugs still reflect the correct index;

(c) whether it is also a fact that price increase of even simple remedies such as Vicks Cough Drops, Halls Lozenges, Strepsils, Glucose, Burral Ointment, Rubex Ointment is between 78 per cent to 200 per cent since 1979 and between 1000 per cent is 300 per cent increase on Oirvin Drops Tokavyme, Merckenyme, Unienzyme Malzyme and well known tonicks;

(d) if so, what were their prices in 1979 and what are their present prices and

(e) what was the production of these twelve drugs and what was annual sales turn over of the formulations based on these drugs during the last three years; year-wise and what is the total annual sales turn over of drug formulations for the same period?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a), (b) and (e) The names of 12 bulk drugs sales and prices of which are reflected in the Wholesale Price Index were given in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2665 answered on 18th March, 1985. The prices of these drugs in 1970-71 from the Base. Government have already taken up the question of revision of the Wholesale Price Index. This Ministry monitors the production of 87 bulk drugs in the organised sector. Details of production of bulk drugs or published in the performance budget of this Ministry, copies of which are available in the Parliament Library. Sales turn-over of individual formulations is not monitor in the Minstry.

(c) and (d) Information to the extent available is given in the attached Statement.

**Statement**

| Sl. No. | Name of the formulations | Price approved under DPCO 1970 | Present Price | %age increase in the price |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | | (Rs.) | (Rs.) | |
| 1 | Rubex Ointment | 0·83 | .. | |
| | | .. | 1·62 | .. |
| | | 2·48 | 5·70 | 56·49 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | .. | 14·10 | .. |
| | | 6·21 | .. | .. |
| 2 | Strepsils | 1·36 | 2·45 | 44·49 |
| 3 | Vicks Medicated Cough drops | 0·21 | 0·52 | 59·62 |
| | | 0·92 | 0·95 | 66·32 |
| | | .. | 1·90 | .. |
| | | 1·40 | 3·30 | 57·58 |
| 4 | Otrivin nasal drops | 3·25 | 6·30 | 48·41 |
| 5 | Merckenzyme tabs | .. | 11·22 | .. |
| 6 | Molyzyme tabs | 6·14 | .. | .. |
| | | .. | 11·37 | .. |
| 7 | Takazyme Powder | 4·42 | 11·22 | 60·61 |
| | | 7·95 | 21·87 | 63·65 |
| 8 | Halls Lonzens | 1·20 | 2·37 | 49·37 |
| | | 30·25 | 60·36 | 49·68 |

—Not marketed now as per latest price list.

**Non-availability of drugs**

590. SHRI MIRZA IRSHADBAIG: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the medicines which are not easily available in the market, shortages whereof have been reported to Government during 1st January to 30th June, 1985;

(b) what are the reasons for non-availability and what is the present position;

(c) whether it is a fact that most of these medicines are not available due to the reason that either their price revision applications are pending or arbitrary prices were granted and their review petitions are pending;

(d) if so, what are the names of such products; and

(e) what steps are being taken in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) and (b) Shortages of (1) Lanoxin and Angised (2) Florocid Injection (3) Imuran Tablets (4) Chloraninhenicol Capsules (5) Incidal Tablets (6) Dilantine Syrup (7) Reverine Injection (8) Copyrazine Tablet (9) Pilocar Eye Drops (10) Kenacort Injection were reported during the period from 1st January—30th June, 1985. In respect of the five items listed at (1) to (5) above, the concerned Manufactu-